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TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

No fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action having mailing date October 6, 2004, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.